

advance bills from Select or return bills to Select and, of course, we have to wait for bills on Final to come down from E & R. That will be the late night. Final Reading bills will be read late in the day to facilitate a dinner hour. In terms of adjournment time for this week, I have not the faintest idea. It's entirely up to you; 11:30 p.m., that's fine, it's up to the body. You know the amount of work we have to do and we'll see how far we get. Next Monday, of course, Final Reading all day. We'll read a long bill or two during the dinner hour on Monday. Tuesday, the 23rd of May, Final Reading and veto overrides. Wednesday, legislative resolutions, Final Reading, overrides, closing ceremonies and whatever. That's the tentative agenda for the remaining eight days. I wanted to share it with you so there wouldn't be any major surprises, realizing that anything is subject to change. Any questions? Thank you. Mr. Clerk, proceed to LB 175.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator McFarland would move to return LB 175 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator McFarland's amendment is on page 2025 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator McFarland.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and fellow senators. This bill, LB 175, is a rather simple bill that raised the per diem paid to the NEOC officers and staff...or officers on the commission from \$40 per day to \$50 per day. It hasn't been that controversial at all. The NEOC has brought to me a problem that has occurred just recently, and for that reason they have asked me to introduce this amendment. The problem has to do with the investigative procedures being used by the NEOC. And it has to do primarily with their ability to issue interrogatories and request information from employer's concerning past hiring practices. The focus of this amendment, if you look on page 2026, the other parts were just technical changes and for matters of clarification, the purpose of the amendment can be found on line 23, on page 2026, where it says, in connection with any investigation of a charge filed under this section the commission or its authorizations may, at any time, after a complaint, and then we mark out complaint and replace it with the word "charge" is filed, issue or cause to be served interrogatories and shall have all times access to, for the purposes of examination, and the right to copy and so on. The problem that has occurred is that in all past years the NEOC has been able to issue interrogatories to the employer to